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Union Health Minister JP Nadda has launched a nationwide breastfeeding campaign called MAA (Mother's Absolute Affection).

A total of ₹30 crore has been allocated for the programme, which will help reduce the under-five mortality rate.

Punjab government has reconstituted a state-level drugs advisory committee to suggest ways and means to curb drug abuse in the state which is going to polls early next year.

The ten-member panel is headed by Punjab's Commissioner of Food and Drug Administration as its Chairman.

The term of the committee would be for two years.

Minister of Law and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad today launched the MyGov app ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first-ever 'townhall' style event in Delhi.

The launch marked two years of MyGovIndia, an online citizen engagement website of the Indian government.

In the Townhall Meet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the PMO mobile application, the government's online citizen engagement platform.

The newly-launched app was reportedly developed with ideas from citizens and will allow mobile users to connect with the website of the Prime Minister's Office.

There is one doctor for every 893 patients in India if allopathic doctors and those practising Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy streams are considered together, Lok Sabha was informed today.

By pumping 100 cusecs of water from tubewells into a dug-up channel, the Haryana government today recreated the lost river 'Saraswati'.

The water was released from Uncha Chandna village in Yamunanagar which the officials believe will flow up to Kurukshetra, now deemed to be Saraswati's route.

Note : The Saraswati river supposedly dried up 5,000 years ago.

The Odisha government has started work on the installation of an Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) in six coastal districts prone to disasters like floods and cyclones.

The system, to be implemented at a cost of ₹66 crore, will involve 122 warning towers that will cover 22 calamity sensitive blocks, and blow sirens two hours prior to any calamity.

Indian Railways today launched 'Rail Geet', a three-minute song with moving trains visuals, as an ode to its employees and to establish a connect with the public.

The song has been composed by Shravan and sung by Udit Narayan and Kavita Krishnamurti.

Titled 'Indian Railways, we love Indian Railways', the song will be played now at every railway function's beginning.

Science & Technology

Orkut Büyükkökten, creator of Google's social networking platform Orkut, has launched a new social network 'Hello' to connect people who share the same passions across the world.

New Appointments

Vijay Rupani was declared the new Chief Minister of Gujarat

Nitin Patel to be the Deputy Chief Minister.

Business & Economy

India approves \$318 million loan for Sri Lanka Railways to upgrade its communications system and rolling stock in the Tamil-dominated north.

Uttarakhand has emerged as the top state in India in terms of growth in industry and service sectors during 2004-05 to 2014-15, an Assocham study said.

It posted the highest compounded annual growth rate of 16.5% and 12.3% in industry and services respectively.

Note : The state outperformed the nearly 7% national average growth, the study added.

Recent Committees in News

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) today announced that they had set up a committee to study why Indians spend a large sum of money on gold and also understand their household financing patterns.

The Committee will be chaired by : Tarun Ramadorai (Professor of Financial Economics, University of Oxford)

Science & Technology

China has successfully launched the first satellite dubbed as The Tiantong-01 for mobile telecommunication.

It was launched on-board of the Long March-3B carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.

General Knowledge

World's first website was created by World Wide Web's inventor Tim Berners-Leeon this day (August 6) in the year 1991.

The website, which is still running, was dedicated to the World Wide Web project and was hosted on Berners-Lee's NeXT computer.

It described the basic features of the web, how to access other people's documents and how to set up a server.

A Japanese man Tsutomu Yamaguchi is the only officially recognised person to have survived both the atomic bomb explosions.

Yamaguchi was in Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 when the first bomb detonated, and left for Nagasaki upon surviving, where the next bomb was dropped three days later.

The survivor died in 2010 at the age of 93.

The 1936 Berlin Olympics were the first to be televised live, with a special black-and-white telecast arranged for athletes in the Olympic Village, besides screenings in 25 special viewing rooms in Berlin and Potsdam.

The 1960 Rome Olympics were the first to be broadcast live across Europe, while Tokyo 1964 were the first Games to be telecast worldwide.

Deaths

Eminent Assamese litterateur Mahim Bora (92) passed away.

He was a prolific short story writer and a poet.

He had received the Sahitya Akademi award for his most popular work Edhani Mahir Hanhi in 2001.

Actor David Huddleston (85), who is known for his title role as the millionaire in the 1998 film 'The Big Lebowski', has passed away.

Huddleston's wife Sarah Koeppe said that he died of advanced heart and kidney disease in Santa Fe, USA. "Things were not important to him (Huddleston) – people were," said Koeppe.

Sports

The 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro have officially been declared open by Brazil's Acting President Michel Temer.

Former Brazilian long-distance runner Vanderlei Cordeiro de Lima, who won the bronze medal at Athens Olympics in 2004, lit the Olympic Cauldron during the opening ceremony.

The Games will run up to August 21, featuring 306 events in 28 sports.

Five-time Olympian and gold medallist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Abhinav Bindra led the biggest ever Indian Olympic contingent as it entered the Maracanã Stadium in Rio today.

USA became the first nation to register a Gold Medal at the Rio Olympics 2016, after 19-year-old Virginia Thrasher won gold in the 10-metre air rifle on Day One of the event held today.

Thrasher finished ahead of China's Du Li and Yi Siling, who won the silver and bronze medals to open China's medals tally at the event.

Indian Men's Hockey team defeated Ireland 3-2.

South Korean archer and former world number one Kim Woo-jin set a new world record, during the ranking round of the men's individual archery competition on Friday.

Woo-jin scored the first-ever 700 in archery recurve, beating the previous record of 699 set by compatriot Im Dong-Hyun at London 2012. Meanwhile, Indian archer Atanu Das finished fifth in the ranking round.

The Indian Railways has announced a ₹1 crore cash award for its athletes who win a gold medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics. In total, 35 athletes from the Indian Railways will take part in the Games.

Further, silver medallists will get ₹75 lakh, bronze medallists ₹50 lakh, and any top-eight finish athlete will receive a reward of ₹30 lakh.